

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

3:34 p.m.

Room 307, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Vagnozzi (10/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Donigan (1/11)

Representative Tobocman, supported by **Representative Vagnozzi**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **March 23, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Stakoe laid **House Bills 4572** and **4573** before the committee.

HB 4572	Stakoe	Environmental protection; water pollution; Great Lakes water quality bonds; create fund to be expended for grants for engineering and consulting costs associated with sewage treatment projects.
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HB 4573	Nitz	Environmental protection; water pollution; Great Lakes water quality bonds; transfer a portion of the money to the wastewater application grant fund.
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Chair Stakoe explained the intent of the bills and answered questions.

Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **support** of the bills.

Bethany Renfer, representing Clean Water Action, testified in **opposition** to the bills, **as written**.

Scott Schrager, from the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified on the bills and answered questions.

Carol Linteau and **Clifford Heckathorn**, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in **opposition** to the bills.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Chair Stakoe explained the intent of a proposed **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4572**.

Representative Elsenheimer, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4572**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Vagnozzi (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robertson, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to report **House Bill 4572**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (7/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: Reps. Tobocman, Accavitti, Vagnozzi (3/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Elsenheimer, supported by **Representative Van Regenmorter**, moved to report **House Bill 4573**, with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (7/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: Reps. Tobocman, Accavitti, Vagnozzi (3/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Tobocman, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Stakoe** excused **Representative Donigan**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:29 p.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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